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"The Roll Call of Serving Women," by BILLINGTON, W. F.

The story of what women are doing in the war has several chapters dealing with Red Cross work. Published by Religious Tract Society. London. Price, 85 cents.

"The Errand of Mercy," by BIRD, M. MOSTYN.

A history of ambulance work upon the battlefield. Carried down from 500 B.C. to A.D. 1913. Nearly half the book tells of work prior to the Crimea, including that of St. John and other English nursing orders. 348 pp. Published by Hutchinson & Co. Price, 85 cents.

"Under the Red Cross Flag at Home and Abroad," by BOARDMAN, M. T.

(Miss Boardman is chairman of the National Relief Committee American Red Cross).

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"Kent's Care for the Wounded," by CHESWICK, PAUL and others.

A story of the Red Cross work done in the County of Kent, England, shewing according to Sir Gilbert Parker, who writes the introduction, "British Initiative and Improvisation, British Energy and Character at Its Best." Published by Hodder & Stoughton. Price, 60 cents.

"Six Weeks at the Front," by MILLICENT, DUCHESS OF SUTHERLAND.

The story of six weeks' work of an independent hospital in Belgium at the beginning of the war. Published by the London Times. Price, 25 cents.

"A Surgeon in Belgium," by SOUTTAR, H. S.

(Late Surgeon-in-Chief, Belgian Field Hospital).

Sketch of three months' work in Belgium at the beginning of the war. The Times says: "It mirrors the intelligence, ability, and sympathy which made the 'English Hospital' a name of good comfort to wounded Belgians." Published by Edward Arnold. London. Price, 2s.

"A Surgeon in Khaki," by DR. A. A. MARTIN.

Published by F. Arnold. A most vivid story of work in a field ambulance.

"The Way of the Red Cross," by VIVIAN E. C. and WILLIAMS, T. H.

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Sketches of Red Cross work at Home and Abroad. Gives a short sketch of Red Cross Organization, but is chiefly simple stories collected in different hospitals. Published by Hodder & Stoughton. Price, \$1.00.

"With the Royal Army Medical Corps at the Front," by VIVIAN, E. C.

Has chapters on "The Corps—its formation and duties, its history, service hospital, in the firing line." A Daily Telegraph War Book. Price, 25 cents.

"Chivalry and the Wounded": The Story of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Bulletins of the Canadian Red Cross Society, St. John Ambulance Association, Military Hospitals Commission.

War Work.

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"The Tale of a Field Hospital," by TREVES, SIR FREDERICK.

"A Nurse's Life in War and Peace," by LAURENCE.

"In Japanese Hospitals During War Time," by RICHARDSON.

SOUTH AFRICAN AND
RUSSIAN-JAPANESE
WARS

Magazine Articles :

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"The Red Cross in War" or "The Errand of Mercy," with "The Way of the Red Cross," with "The Bulletins," make a very good working combination for any one wishing to speak on Red Cross work.

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BULLETIN

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NOTES

“OUR DAY”

The enthusiastic success which attended the appeal issued last October by Lord Lansdowne on behalf of the Joint War Committee of Red Cross and St. John Ambulance, has encouraged the Committee to adopt again this expedient for raising funds for the needs of the two Societies.

The appeal reaches this country, and all the Overseas Dominions, through the Governors and other representatives of His Majesty, and it will doubtless meet once more with the loyalty and spontaneity which marked the reply of the Dominions to the former appeal from these great Societies.

But the appeal comes, in truth, not from any individual, committee or society, but from the hundreds of thousands of gallant men—sailors and soldiers of our King—whose sufferings are necessarily so great that we must see to it that they are called upon to bear no unnecessary pang. It is for the overseas hospitals, in which these men are cared for, that our help is sought, and we ask all our Branches to stand ready again to co-operate with the authorities on October 19th, which has been selected for “Our Day.”

Out of the funds raised by the first appeal, the sum of £25,000 was devoted by the Committee for the building and equipment of Recreation Huts by the Canadian Red Cross in connection with our Canadian Military Hospitals in France and overseas. Readers of THE BULLETIN know how highly these huts have been appreciated.

It was the Editor's good fortune to be one of those who assisted in raising Toronto's half million dollars last October, and it is safe to say that on that day Toronto experienced to the full the blessing of the cheerful giver, as did many another Canadian town and city.

The need to-day is greater than last year. Canada is richer. How much shall we give in October?

COLONEL MARSHALL'S VISIT TO ENGLAND

There are obvious difficulties in directing the operations of Society from an office separated from the scene of action by thousands of miles of ocean; and the Executive Committee has therefore en-

couraged its members to visit the London office and the work of the Society in England and France as frequently as possible. Our readers will remember that first General Ryerson and afterwards Colonel Gooderham have paid such visits and have given the Executive Committee the advantage of their "eye-witness" accounts of the work.

The great increase in the work of the Society caused by the increasing number of men engaged in battle and the increasing needs of our Allies convinced the Executive that it would be of great advantage to the Society if its Chairman of Executive would pay an official visit to England and France during June and July.

Colonel Marshall carried with him to England not only the knowledge of what Canadians had done, through the Red Cross, but also of how much more they were willing to do.

Colonel Hodgetts, our Commissioner overseas, could furnish, out of his experience, a balanced judgment as to the needs of our own wounded and those of the Allies. Together, they could elaborate a "forward" policy for the Canadian Red Cross by which the resources of Canada might be closely related to the needs of the Allies. Our readers have already, in the proceedings of the Executive Committee and in the Report of our Commissioner, seen the policy coming into action.

We would refer them to the record of gifts of money and supplies to the Allies, more especially France and Russia ; to the grant of one thousand cases of supplies to the Grand Fleet ; to grants of money for the assistance of "special" work, such as that of £100 a month to the Chatham House Auxiliary, or of £1,200 to purchase a char-a-banc to take out convalescent men at Folkestone, and especially to the establishment of the new Canadian Red Cross Convalescent Hospital of 1,000 beds at Ramsgate.

Another reassuring result of Colonel Marshall's visit has been the very high opinion he has formed of the organization of our overseas work.

Our Commissioner has not only worked indefatigably himself, but has succeeded in attracting to the Society the services of a brilliant staff.

It is unnecessary—and seems almost impertinent—to praise the work of Lady Drummond of the Information Bureau and Mrs. Rivers-Bulkeley of the Prisoners of War Department, who with the other ladies of the staff, labour unwearingly day after day and often long after the nominal "office day" has ended.

Our two Assistant Commissioners, Major Harry Blaylock in France and Major Claude Bryan in London, are serving the Society in the same unselfish spirit and with equally satisfactory results.

It is invidious to mention names since it is impossible to mention all who deserve the Society's thanks, but the report brought home by the Chairman convinces us that the Society is unusually fortunate in its officials, whether paid or voluntary.

Colonel Marshall while in England and France had many opportunities of seeing and conversing with those whose opinion of our Society's work is of extreme value.

From Their Majesties, the King and Queen ; from the President of the French Republic and other representative men and women

of France ; from the representatives of Russia and Belgium and Montenegro, as well as from some of the best-known men and women in England, our Chairman heard words of thanks and appreciation for the services of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

He was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the British Red Cross Society, and saw the work of other associations, such as the Canadian War Contingent Association, the French Wounded Emergency Fund, the Croix Rouge Francaise, with which the Canadian Red Cross had had dealings from time to time ; and in every case found the relations existing of the happiest.

More important, perhaps, were his conferences with the doctors and nurses of our Canadian Army Medical Corps to whom were afforded opportunities of either criticism or appreciation of the Society's work.

A few suggestions and explanations at such informal conferences mean much in the efficient carrying out of our work.

As a result of Colonel Marshall's visit, we can go forward with the Society's work, feeling that we have an enlightened and progressive policy which will be carried out with the greatest efficiency by our Commissioners and staff overseas.

The Executive Committee gratefully records the following contributions to the

DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT CANADIAN RED CROSS ENDOWMENT FUND

BENEFACTORS

Their R.H. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught	\$ 500 00
Col. G. A. Sweny	500 00
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Lt.-Col. Noel Marshall	100 00
Dr. John Hoskin	100 00
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OTHER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Brig.-Gen. A. E. Labelle	25 00
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FREE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND

The Chairman of the Executive has received a touching appeal from Dr. C. R. Dickson, Honorary President of the Canadian Free Library for the Blind, in which he urges the importance and necessity of such an institution for the Canadian blind, the more so as some of the blind soldiers returned from the war have the free use of this Library.

In the course of his letter he says :

"It has been suggested several times to the Library that it apply to the Red Cross Society for funds, but its Board of Management has unanimously refused to divert such funds from purposes so urgently demanding them. The Board likewise endorsed heartily

the Red Cross vote of funds to St. Dunstan's, while deeply regretting the fact that Canada has no institution where the adult blind can be trained as at St. Dunstan's. Nor does the Library now desire Red Cross funds even though it be trying to make endurable the results of these irreparable wounds of war with services these wounded will require while life lasts. It does ask, however, the approval and endorsement of the Canadian Red Cross Society to aid it in soliciting personal contributions from the former confreres and co-workers of its Honorary President to enable it to successfully carry on its beneficent work now rendered more difficult by war and the multiplicity of "Funds" thereby called into existence which sadly hamper its own collection of revenue."

The Executive has in the past contributed funds in aid of Sir Arthur Pearson's establishment at St. Dunstan's, as it was considered to be essentially a part of Canadian Red Cross work. There is little doubt that it would favourably consider a donation for the Canadian institution were it asked for, but the Executive of the Canadian Free Library for the Blind thought it best to seek other sources for funds.

The appeal that the Canadian Red Cross Society should aid in soliciting personal contributions can only be carried out by making known the existence of this deserving charity and recommending it to all Red Cross workers as being thoroughly deserving of their consideration.

All contributions, however, should be forwarded direct to the Secretary General and Librarian, S. C. Swift, M.A., Canadian Free Library for the Blind, corner of Medland and Annette Streets, Toronto.

"YOUR OWN COUNTRY NOT TOUCHED WITH A BOMB"

The following letters from two little English girls show that the English schools are teaching the children to recognize the spontaneous help rendered by Canada and the other Dominions in the cause of the Empire.

Edna Mallows says to a wounded Canadian :

24, Hatfield Street,

LIVERPOOL, 23-5-1916.

DEAR SOLDIERS,—I thank you very much for coming to fight for us in our time of trouble. I hope you will soon be better and be able to go back to your own country. You will be able to see your own country not touched with a bomb. You did not have to come and fight. It was out of your own kindness that you came to fight for us and you all deserve something for working so hard for England. I would like you to come to Liverpool. It is a very nice city. I go to West Derby St. School. It is a Council School. It would be a great pity if the Germans brought their zeppelins and spoilt Liverpool and her big buildings.

Leah Swede says :

75 Aber Street, West Derby,

LIVERPOOL, 23rd May, 1916.

DEAR FRIEND,—I hope your wound will soon get better. I hope that you will soon get back to your own country. We are in darkness in Liverpool ; all the lights are dull. We all thank you for helping

our country. I only wish that I was big enough to help you. It is no good saying that because I am too small. All our schools are thinking of you all the time. You deserve more than thanking for all you've done for us. I wonder where we'd be only for you. I hope more men will go and fight for our country because we need them very much.

NEW METHODS IN SURGERY AND NURSING

One of the wonders of the war is the development of new methods of treating sickness and wounds ! Science, which has been pressed into the service of destruction, has also been the willing handmaid of healing and prevention. We suspect that the story of the sanitation of our armies will one day be written and prove of entralling interest. We of the Red Cross are more directly interested in the healing of the sick and wounded, but we must not forget that those who labour to prevent disease are also "under the Red Cross."

A recent article by an American writer, reprinted in *World Wide* from the American *Outlook*, gives a description of the revolution in nursing caused by the application of a casing of wax, paraffin and resin, called "ambrine," to wounds caused by burning, frost-bite, and gangrene. This wonderful process not only immediately eases pain, but also encourages a new growth of skin by which the disfigurement, which is to a sensitive man, worse than death itself, may be avoided. The limb, when painted or sprayed with this solution, is left to dry and is then swathed in gauze and cotton to keep the wax unbroken. The face is covered with a gauze veil. The name of the French surgeon who has made this wonderful, yet simple discovery, is not given. Again, in *The Lancet* the official organ of the British Medical Profession, we read of wounds treated entirely by saline irrigation, or in other words, by a continual stream of salt and water always dropping on the wound. This discovery was made by a distinguished British scientist, Sir Almroth Wright ; and the article describes the revolution it has caused in both naval and military hospitals where surgical dressings are becoming out of date, except when a wound has to be protected during travelling.

Once again, it is probably well known to most of our readers, that quite early in the war it was discovered that the best healing was obtained for suppurating wounds by exposure to the sun in the open air ; rather than by constantly changed dressings.

In the monthly report issued by the "Comité Americain pour les Blessés Français" in Paris (June, 1916), we read of yet another system employed by the famous French surgeon, Dr. Alexis Carrel, who, after thorough chemical sterilization of the wound, closes it with a zinc oxide adhesive plaster, and foretells to a day, we are told, when a wound will be completely healed.

We are sure that all Red Cross workers will be interested in these processes and we especially call attention to the fact that none of them call for "surgical dressings" as we know them.

On the other hand, these dressings are still employed in hospitals from which the wounded are transferred to other hospitals further back. The next "Note" shows that in these hospitals and ambulances our dressings are fully appreciated.

THIS LETTER SHOWS WHERE OUR DRESSINGS ARE USED AND VALUED
 No. 3, Canadian Casualty Clearing Station,
 British Expeditionary Forces,

FRANCE, July 15, 1916.

To Miss Gunn, Supt. of Nurses, Toronto General Hospital.

I have been trying to write to the various branches of the Canadian Red Cross whose names we have found in the boxes of supplies that have come to us through Captain Blaylock.

Through that terrible month of June when the wounded Canadians came to us in such numbers, the Red Cross dressings were wonderful. We got a number of boxes marked, "Packed by the Canadian Red Cross Society and sterilized by the Toronto General Hospital." So won't you thank those who packed them, and tell them how useful they proved to us?

The kind of dressings that are most useful are the gauze compresses, the large gauze and cotton pads, and the tiny gauze sponges. The wounds are so large that usually we have a big basin of the sponges and another of the folded gauze in a solution of Eusol. An orderly cuts down the clothing so we can get at the wounds. We scrub up, put on rubber gloves, clean up the wounds and put on the wet gauze, a pad and bandages. I find in the operating rooms too, the call is for the folded gauze principally. In a great many cases, the patients, not requiring operations at once, are passed right on to the Ambulance trains which run up to us and go on to the Base Hospitals.

It is a privilege indeed, to be just back of our own men and they are so glad to see us as they come in so smashed up and brave. Captain Blaylock, Assistant Commissioner of the C.R.C.S., is quite a rock of support. Those early June days, when I thought we might fall short of supplies, there were so many wounded coming down and the line of ambulances never-ending, I sent a hurried note and he had about twenty boxes of dressings here in less than twenty-four hours.

This note is just to thank you all again and again, and to tell you how much your work has meant to us up here, where our own Canadians are getting hurt so badly doing their duty gallantly and cheerfully. It does make one proud indeed to be a Canadian and be up here these days.

Of course we get lots of things besides surgical dressings. It is quite a thought isn't it, to think of all the things made away off home in Canada really here and used by our wounded in Flanders?

SISTER IN CHARGE

A FRENCH SOLDIER'S GRATITUDE (translated from verse)

I have paid off only a little
 Of that which I owed to my King.
 But believe me, I am happy
 To have given that little for *him*.
 But the Red Cross, how should I pay *her* ?
 So noble is she ; she comes
 On wings to help us, save us !
 With all my heart I thank her,
 With all my heart—for her kindness
 Has brought down into my life
 A ray of the sunlight of faith.

J. ED. ROBITAILLE, 61521, 22nd Batt.

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Last year, many of our branches made and sent Christmas "stockings" to our Canadian wounded, and also to the patients (of whatever nationality they might be) in our Canadian Hospitals.

This year we have consulted Lady Drummond as to the number probably required and as to the nature of the contents, and she suggests 15,000 as the number and that each stocking might contain one of the following articles, with other little gifts—pocket mirrors, cheap stylo pens, pocket pencil.

We have notified our Provincial Branches of this proposed gift, asking them to notify us of the number they will undertake to make. If we get more stockings than are required for our own Canadian wounded or for the patients in our Canadian hospitals, we shall reserve the right to distribute the balance in England or France according to our discretion. They must be ready for shipment by October 31st, at the port warehouses.

The stockings most popular last year were made of coloured net in the shape of a stocking and sewn up with coloured wool. Pack in cases not exceeding 56 lbs. in weight.

The following cable has just been received from Colonel Hodgetts—"While regulation cases are preferable for Christmas stockings they are not essential."

DO NOT put sticky candy or flimsy packets of insect powder into stockings. DO NOT spend too much on them. DO NOT make them too large and heavy.

PRINCESS PATRICIA CANADIAN RED CROSS HOSPITAL, RAMSGATE

The Executive Committee, on recommendation of our Commissioner, has decided to equip a large new Convalescent Hospital for Canadians at Ramsgate, to accommodate 1,000 men, and H.R.H. the Princess Patricia of Connaught has graciously permitted the hospital to be named after her.

The equipment of the wards will be by the "bed" system. We have still in hand some 250 "beds" over-subscribed for previous hospitals, so that we shall require some 750 more beds.

We have notified our Provincial Branches of this undertaking, asking how many beds each Province would wish to undertake. Any Branch, Auxiliary or individual wishing to give a bed should therefore get into touch immediately with the Red Cross Branch of the Province, so that we may be able to assign beds to those who wish to subscribe in this way. Each bed costs \$50.

It is exceedingly difficult to prevent disappointment if subscribers do not communicate with the Provincial Branches.

CRITICISMS FROM ENGLAND

The lady now in charge of our supplies sends us the following criticisms of supplies sent from Canada. If the instructions in War Work were carried out, none of these criticisms would be necessary.

1. Surgeons' coats are made of unbleached cotton, whereas bleached cotton should be used. War Work, page 13.
2. Pillow slips should not have tapes on them. Page 18.
3. Red neck ties—"never receive any." Will not some of those who were knitting face cloths, knit ties instead? Page 19.

4. Instructions as to proper packing, sorting and addressing are seldom carried out. Pages 21, 22.
5. Old linen is used for dressings and bandages. These are useless. Page 21.
6. Old linen and cotton is very seldom boiled before shipment. Page 21.
7. Cases of old linen and cotton and flannel are "in nine cases out of ten" not labelled as required in War Work. Page 21.
8. Articles of different kinds are packed together. Page 21.
9. "We often get cards, sweets, etc., in mixed cases; sweets and gum often not fit to eat, being packed with tobacco and soaps." Pages 21, 22.

NO GERMAN MANUFACTURED GOODS MUST BE SENT.

"LADIES SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED"

The British War Office has issued the following suggestion to ladies. This work is being done for us by our Red Cross visitors and other organizations.

"It is thought that in many places the military hospitals are cheerless places, and that steps might be taken to improve their conditions. The position of affairs at present are so unusual that if we stick rigidly to our peace system, and apply it to our soldiers of to-day, dissatisfaction must result. The soldiers have done the most gallant work, and it is for us to interpret the feelings of this country by doing everything in our power to make them happy, and to restore them to health and vigour—the sick and wounded have returned from the front with shattered nerves, and it is very important that their surroundings should be cheerful and bright.

"Committees of local ladies should be formed to interest themselves in the sick and wounded soldiers, to provide amusements and entertainments, motor drives, etc. Ladies should be encouraged to supply periodicals, books, flowers, fruit, to write letters for soldiers, if desired, and read to them. Efforts should be made to relieve the monotony of convalescence, and make the soldiers feel the country is grateful to them.

"The General Officer Commanding in Chief takes a great interest in the matter, and hopes for the hearty co-operation of all concerned."

EXTRACTS FROM COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS.

Reports No. 84, 85, 86, 87, 88 (June 24-July 22)

Report No. 84

The work in England has consisted chiefly of a continuance of our shipments from the warehouse, and with the completion of the shipment to the Belgian Red Cross Society we are glad to report that during the past fortnight more than 3,600 cases have been despatched from the London warehouses.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from the Wounded Allies Relief Committee for some cases given to them for shipment to

some special Hospitals in France, and also for shipment to a Hospital Unit working on behalf of the Serbians on the Island of Corful.

In this connection we might add that we hope to arrange the shipment of 1,000 cases to Salonika for the service of the sick and wounded of the Serbian Army in that area.

RUSSIAN PRISONERS

A letter from the Russian Prisoners of War Help Committee has been received. While we are aware the need of Russian prisoners of war in Germany is acute, we are unfortunately restricted in the sort of supplies which we can offer for their relief. We are practically limited to food-stuffs and of these, of course, we have no excess quantities. We have, however, handed over some further cases of jam and they were also able to make use of some socks and day-shirts. We hope we may be able to continue our services in this direction.

OTHER GIFTS

The Executive Committee is well aware that wherever we find any considerable number of Canadians in British Hospitals we endeavour to supplement the supplies of such hospitals. A typical case of this kind is the 1st Eastern Hospital, Cambridge. A somewhat similar case is the Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, etc., where a good many Canadians have received surgical treatment, chiefly at the hands of Major Geo. W. Badgerow, F.R.C.S., formerly of Toronto, who is the Dean of this Hospital.

Report No. 85

CANADIAN RED CROSS HOSPITALS

Since returning from France the earlier part of the week was taken up with the consideration of matters, action in regard to which had been deferred during my absence in France, and the discussion with Mr. Skipper of questions relating to the Duchess of Connaught Hospital, the King's Canadian Red Cross Convalescent Hospital and Canadian Red Cross Special Hospital, Buxton, more particularly as they relate, in regard to the two latter, to the residences for the Nurses, which had been rented before my departure and which he had been directed to equip on lines laid down. I am pleased to report that, notwithstanding the great difficulty of purchasing furniture, etc., these two houses will be ready for occupation this week.

PARIS DEPOT

As showing the possibilities of the Paris Depot under the new management and with the increased staff, the Assistant Commissioner writes under date June 30th, that just over 3,000 cases have been shipped out and he has made the following tentative arrangements for the disposition of 5,000 cases per month.

1. With the Marquis de Vogue, President of the Secours aux Blessés Militaires, for the handing over to them of 1,500 cases of supplies each month, subject to our being able to obtain the necessary transportation.

2. With the President of the Dames Francaises, for the handing over to them of 750 cases each month, under the same conditions.

3. With the President of the Union des Femmes Francaises for the same number as (2) and under the same conditions.

4. With the Minister, Monsieur Godart, for the supply to the Military Hospitals under his direction of (up to) 1,500 cases each month. This particular part of the work will be looked after by M. Raymond, who will ascertain from the Secretaries of the Minister to which hospitals to send supplies and when.

5. There will then remain 500 cases of the monthly shipment of 5,000 cases to Paris, which will be distributed under the direction of Miss Montizambert to Hospitals in Paris.

The above arrangements will, no doubt, be as satisfactory to the Executive as they are to this office.

DOMINION DAY CONCERTS

To-day being Dominion Day a number of Concerts are being given at different Hospitals and Convalescent Homes.

Mrs. Ives' report of the concert at Woodcote Park, Epsom, is sent herewith :

Among Dominion Day Entertainments in London none was more successfully carried out than the concert organized by the Canadian Red Cross Society for the Convalescent Hospital at Woodcote Park, Epsom. It was undertaken at the request of Lord Killanin, Secretary of the Entertainment Committee at Woodcote. He gave as his excuse for such an unusual request to a Red Cross Society that there were upwards of one thousand Canadians there, who would like their day specially noticed.

Mrs. Ives, of the Information Department, was fortunate in being able to arrange with Madame Blanche Marchesi to undertake the programme, which was carried out by her, assisted by several well-known artistes, and was well calculated to please even the most critical audience.

The artistes, accompanied by one of the Canadian Red Cross workers, went by train to Epsom, and were met by two military ambulances and thus conveyed to the large Recreation Hall, where an audience of almost 2,000 awaited them.

Each item was enthusiastically received, and at the close of the programme everyone joined in singing "Canada," and "God Save the King."

Artistes and audience seemed equally pleased, particularly when Madame Marchesi went to the tea room and sang Tosti's "Good-bye," explaining at the same time it was only "au revoir."

Report No. 86

GENERAL

The week has been marked by large indents from France, consequent on military activities filling the Hospitals. In most instances we have been able to send supplies from stores, but many articles have been asked for which we have had to purchase. Amongst the things indented for by telegram have been 5,000 each of Balaclova helmets and mufflers, of which only small quantities were on hand. This demand for them is the first large order

received—indeed months ago your Commissioner was informed there were no need for the former.

Upon receipt of the request for Toronto University anti-tetanic serum, a cable was at once sent to the Toronto office. As this is a perishable product and spoils by keeping, it is not advisable to keep a stock on hand ; the request from France was immediately met by the purchase of a quantity from Mulfords and despatched immediately.

Some idea of the extent of our work, so far as it relates to Canadians in Hospital may be gathered from the statement that the number of sick and wounded Canadians in Hospital in Great Britain on June 30th was over twelve thousand. These figures give no idea of the work in France as all the Hospitals of the C.A.M.C. there, which the Canadian Red Cross Society assists, receive soldiers from all portions of the Empire, and they do not receive any assistance from the British Red Cross Society's stores [but from the Canadian Red Cross.—ED.] ; the beds in these Hospitals total over six thousand.

DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT HOSPITAL

On Sunday, July the 2nd, your Commissioner, in company with Lt.-Col. Marshall visited the Duchess of Connaught Canadian Red Cross Hospital, and received Sir Geo. E. Foster and the members of the Parliamentary Deputation from Canada. They made a most thorough inspection of the Hospital and interviewed many of the Canadian patients. Before leaving they expressed the great pleasure they had had in visiting the Hospital and at what they had seen and Sir George Foster stated it was his intention to visit the Hospital again. A convoy of some 70 patients arrived in the afternoon and the visitors had an opportunity of seeing the manner in which the O.C. and Staff carried out this portion of the work.

It is interesting to note that amongst the visitors was Mrs. Dennis, President of the Nova Scotia Branch, and every opportunity was afforded to her to inspect the stores, etc. Mrs. Dennis has also visited the London warehouses during the week and familiarized herself with this portion of the Society's work.

The return of patients of this Hospital for the week is as follows :

Number of patients admitted.....	453
" " discharged.....	215
" " remaining in Hospital.....	895

INSPECTION OF HOSPITALS, ETC.

During the week your Commissioner has personally visited the following Hospitals :

Duchess of Connaught Canadian Red Cross Hospital.
 King's Canadian Red Cross Convalescent Hospital.
 Can. Conv. Hospital, Hillingdon House, Uxbridge.
 " " Bearwood, Wokingham.
 " " Epsom.

I.O.D.E. Canadian Red Cross Hosp. for Officers.
 The Can. Red Cross Nurses' Rest Home, Cheyne Place.

CANADIAN RED CROSS SPECIAL HOSPITAL, BUXTON

On Tuesday last, Lt.-Col. Marshall left with Asst. Commissioner Bryan for Buxton, in order to complete his inspection of our work there.

The return of patients at this Hospital for the week is as follows :

Number of patients remaining in Hospital..... 92

The majority of the patients in this Hospital are suffering from rheumatic fever, myalgia and kindred complaints requiring special treatment.

V. A. D. WORK

A conference was held in the office of the Hon. Arthur Stanley, 83 Pall Mall, on Wednesday last, in reference to asking the Overseas Dominions to assist in V.A.D. work. There were present the Hon. Arthur Stanley, Lord Ranfurly, Mrs. Furse, the two Australian Commissioners and myself. It was suggested that Canada should be asked to send as a first Contingent twenty ladies to act as probationers in Military Hospitals in Great Britain—not for foreign service. The term of service is to be seven months from date of arrival in England, the remuneration to be at the rate of £20 per annum, £4 for uniform and expenses to be paid from date of landing in England. The selection is to be made by a Board in each Dominion ; the qualifications are to be certificates in First Aid and Home Nursing, with Hospital experience, good education and health absolute reliability ; good social standing, age 23-38, not older ; It is expected that the expenses to and from England of the Canadian Contingent will be borne by the Canadian Red Cross Society. [The selection is being made by the St. John Ambulance Brigade.—ED.]

It was finally agreed that Mrs. Furse was to draw up a cable message to be sent to her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught.

The reason for this request is that numbers of the V.A.D.'s who have been serving in Hospitals in Great Britain are required in British Hospitals in France and their places would in part be filled by the ladies coming from Overseas Dominions. [Sixty ladies were asked for, and are being selected and sent as arranged above.]

I.O.D.E. CAN. RED CROSS HOSPITAL FOR OFFICERS

At the end of the week there were 24 officers undergoing treatment at this Hospital.

KINGSCLIFFE CAN. RED CROSS NURSES' REST HOME, MARGATE

The Acting Matron reports as follows :

"There are sixteen Sisters in the Rest Home to-day (July 8th). We have had two admitted this week, and one discharged for duty."

CAN. RED CROSS NURSES' REST HOME, CHEYNE PLACE

There are four Sisters in residence at the end of the week and several others were there for portions of the week.

Report No. 87
WORK IN FRANCE

The Assistant Commissioner reports as follows :

"This has been the busiest fortnight" (ending 8th inst) "for the Society in France since we commenced work. Calls have been made

on us in all directions, from hospitals, Casualty Clearing Stations and Field Ambulances. I am glad to say that we have never had to refuse a request and that we were never more than twelve hours in delivery, no matter where the supplies had to go.

Many things were asked for which we had not in stock ; these were either purchased here or in London or Paris and forwarded at once upon receipt.

The Recreation Huts at Nos. 1 and 3 General Hospitals and No. 2 Stationary Hospital have been turned into wards and 275 beds added to the area. At No. 2 Stationary Hospital the ward was completely equipped from our stores.

It is in times such as we are going through now that the Red Cross can, owing to its mobility and freedom from red tape, do so much to help. When doctors, nurses and orderlies are working day and night, they often have not time to wait for supplies through regular channels and in very many cases it has been our good fortune to be of assistance.

Very good work has been done by Mrs. Blair in tracing the sick and wounded, answering letters and cables and also local enquiries. She also visits all the officers' hospitals and distributes flowers, fruit and comforts to the wounded.

The drivers and orderlies have worked splendidly often till midnight without knocking off, and then only to begin again at 7 o'clock in the morning.

At Paris M. Roy, being unable to give us much time as was necessary—owing to official duties—has asked to be allowed to withdraw. This work now comes under my direct control and a paid staff has been engaged, with Mr. Hardie in charge. Since June 27th we have distributed 4,927 cases of various supplies. 1,000 to the Secours aux Blessés Militaires, 635 to the Union des Femmes and 2,187 to various Military Hospitals or those not under any of the three Red Cross Societies. Our Stores in Paris are now depleted of all supplies save about 1,000 cases of bandages and dressings and we are awaiting a further shipment from London.

WAREHOUSES

During the fortnight ending the 15th inst., 3,686 cases of supplies were received into our warehouses in London and 4,894 shipped out to France and the various Hospitals, etc., in England.

Report No. 88.

PRISONERS OF WAR DEPARTMENT

During the last two or three weeks there has been a very considerable increase in the work of this department.

I am glad to say we have heard of over 700 men who were missing, being interned in Prison Camps. These names came mostly on a German list through the British Red Cross. This list was by far the best we have ever had from Germany—not only were nearly all the names correct, but the numbers also. This accuracy, of course, makes an enormous difference in our work and in the speed with which we are able to pass on the information. On Friday we

received another long list, but unfortunately with no numbers, so that it is almost useless for purposes of identifying missing men.

When a list of names is received it is first carefully compared with the "Missing List." When a man is identified, any enquiries are at once notified. All the names are then entered in a triplicate book, one copy of which is sent to the Record Office and from the other copies the Record cards and Ledger cards, etc., are made out. Each name has to be written :

- (1st.) On a large Record Card, with full address and all information. These are arranged alphabetically throughout.
- (2nd.) On small Record Card, name and Camp only, arranged alphabetically under BATTALIONS.
- (3rd.) On a slip in a Binder File arranged alphabetically in Camps —from these the labels for Bread, Tobacco, Clothing, etc., are written.
- (4th.) On a large sheet also on a Binder File, with the number of parcels to which each man is entitled and the date on which they are due. From these books the weekly lists for the Stores are written.
- (5th.) On a Ledger Card on which is entered any money assigned to a particular man or sent for him by his Adopter.

It was most lucky for us that we had received a fourth room and already moved into it before the rush came. We have been able to have from five to seven people working there daily. I have had to secure a second typist, as it was impossible to keep pace with the letters and lists. Enquiries during these weeks have been very numerous.

Our total number of men is now 2,200. Every week therefore, 2,200 bread labels, 1,100 tobacco labels have to be written, in addition to the lists for the Civil Service Stores of parcels to be despatched. These weekly food parcels now total almost 2,500, as each man is getting a weekly parcel in addition to any extra ones that may be paid for by their battalions. A very large number of men recently captured have sent post-card assigning part of their pay for supplying parcels.

We received on one morning alone 1,510 post-cards. This is the most we have received at once, but there are always nearly two or three hundred every morning. These have all to be gone through carefully, any wishes or complaints noted, and the address compared with those in the files. They are then put away in filing boxes, each man's in a separate envelope.

We are very grateful to have got the three good rooms we now have for packing. There, people have been busy packing, not only clothing provided for the men, but a parcel for each of them, containing :

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WORK IN FRANCE

Captain Blaylock's Report for two weeks ending July 22nd, 1916.

During the past two weeks the Canadian Hospitals have continued working at the same high pressure as during the early part of the month. The calls on us for supplies and comforts have been many and varied ; I am glad to say that we have been able to supply promptly every demand.

The Field Ambulances and Casualty Clearing Stations have fortunately not been very busy and while they are constantly in need of supplies, there have been no abnormal indents from them.

No. 7 Stationary Hospital has arrived in France. I visited this unit and have sent them a large quantity of supplies of which they were in need.

I have also visited all the other Canadian Hospital Units in France and I safely say that every legitimate want is being attended to.

On the 22nd of the month we had the honour of an inspection from the Hon. Sir George E. Foster and the Canadian Parliamentary Delegates, consisting of the Hon. Senators Belcourt, Davis, Ross and Landry, and the following members of the Dominion House : Messrs. Nicol, Armstrong, Shepheard and Rhodes. They were accompanied by Lt.-Col. Sims, D.S.O., representing Sir Max Aitken, Bart. They thoroughly inspected our stores and also visited numbers 2 and 3 Canadian General Hospitals and No. 2 Canadian Stationary Hospital.

At Paris, owing to the fact that our stores are practically depleted and new supplies not yet received we have been able to accomplish very little.

INFORMATION BUREAU (Lady Drummond)

HOSPITALITY TO CANADIAN CONVALESCENT OFFICERS

Almost every day now we have the pleasure of arranging for some of our convalescent officers to stay at country houses during their sick leave. We have very pleasant letters both from them and from their kind hosts expressing mutual appreciation. On Monday the 24th instant about 25 of our officers of whom all but two were still in hospital, spent a delightful afternoon as guests of Lady Paget, wife of General Sir Arthur Paget, at Warren House, Coombe Wood, near Richmond. They had two most restful hours in a beautiful garden and enjoyed it all the more because the little party was not in the ordinary sense a "social event," but just an opportunity to meet a few interesting and well known people. Lady Randolph Churchill had arranged that each lady who came should bring some of the officers in her car and take them home again and two of our own cars made up the requisite number.

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NEWSPAPERS

We are always sorry not to be able to send out thanks to everyone who contributes few or many newspapers to this Department, but in a majority of cases no name is given on the parcel and it would add greatly to the already heavy work entailed to sort out the parcels that did bear the name and address of the sender. Perhaps the following letter will be seen in the BULLETIN by some of our kind contributors :

“Thank you so much for the Canadian papers which came so promptly. The men were simply delighted with them. I had to laugh because my Canadian patients are usually a talkative lot but for a whole morning I could hardly get a word out of them—they were simply buried behind their papers and dead to the rest of the world.”

Miss Waud reports for the Newspaper Department, 80 bags of papers received during past week—papers sent by sackfuls to 250 destinations comprising camps, hospitals, Y.M.C.A. huts, clubs, etc. Apart from this over 1,050 men and officers have been supplied individually with their home papers. Weekly numbers of “Canada” have also been sent to 50 officers.

PARCEL DEPARTMENT (Mrs. Fraser)

For week ending July 22nd, 1916, this department dealt with 1,167 men. We sent 90 men fruit, and the following is a letter from Kitchener’s Hospital, Brighton :

“DEAR FRIENDS,—

Just a line to thank you very much for box of fruit and also many other useful things which you have sent me previous to the fruit. I am sure I appreciate your kindness very much. I think the convoy that came yesterday contained a number of Canadians which no doubt will be sending along their cards. I am not able to get yet or I would visit them. Well, I am sure your work is greatly appreciated by the boys I have met here, and wish you every success. Again I must tell you the fruit was fine.”

Another from the County of London War Hospital, Epsom :

“THE LADIES OF THE CANADIAN RED CROSS,—

I am greatly in debt to you for the fruit and papers you sent me, I hardly know how to express my thankfulness toward you, and I thank you over and over again. With best regards to your work, and kind wishes from.”

We are extremely grateful to the War Library, Surrey House, Marble Arch, for large packages of books and magazines. Twenty-three men were met at St. Pancras Station on their way to the Canadian Hospital at Buxton and were given lunch, cigarettes, etc., and tea arranged for as usual,

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EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETINGS 108 TO 110.

The following cable was read :

"Sweny, Toronto.

London, June 26th.

Discontinue sterilization of all surgical dressings.—HODGETTS."

The Chairman stated that it had been decided to close the Supply Department of the Society for two months from July 15th to Sept. 15th, and the notice referring to this and the discontinuance of the making of surgical dressings was read.

After discussion the Chairman was requested to write to Colonel Hodgetts stating that the Executive relied on his giving them ample notice when a further supply was likely to be required, and also when he needed funds to purchase them or material in bulk so that there might be no danger of any shortage at any time.

A cable dated June the 26th from Colonel Marshall was read, strongly approving the suggestion made to him by the Chairman that Miss Gertrude Brock be made an associate member of the Executive Committee and put in full charge of the Supply Department with control and supervision of the orders of material, etc.

The following cable was read :

"Sweny, Toronto.

London, June 29th, 1916.

"Have arranged to furnish Admiral Jellicoe's Fleet with one thousand cases Red Cross supplies. Trust this will meet with approval of Committee.

MARSHALL."

Colonel Marshall's action was unanimously approved and confirmed.

The following cable and reply were read :

"Sweny, Toronto.

London, July 4th, 1916.

"Send supply anti-tetanic serum Toronto University make for use in France.—HODGETTS."

"Hodgetts, London.

Toronto, July 5th, 1916.

"Arranged send at once one thousand packages tetanic serum in phials of fifteen hundred units each. If insufficient cable requirements.—SWENY."

The Chairman stated that the cost of this shipment of serum was \$450.00, and his action was unanimously approved and confirmed.

A letter from Capt. Bryan, Assistant Commissioner, dated June 16th, was read, stating that Colonel Marshall and Colonel Hodgetts after full discussion of the question had concluded that they had sufficient ambulances for present needs on that side, and that further purchases should remain in abeyance. As they had been notified by the Ambulance Department of the British Red Cross that a good deal of expense was being incurred in repairing Canadian ambulances in France, he suggested that possible subscribers might be willing to provide maintenance money for the ambulances. After discussion it was decided to hold the matter over until Colonel Marshall's return.

The Chairman was also authorized to confer with Colonel Marlow and also to make enquiries through Colonel Gooderham and others as to the suitability of the General Motor Co.'s ambulances, quota-



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tions for which had been received, and he was also authorized to order four or five ambulances at once if necessary.

It was moved by the Chairman, and carried unanimously, that the sincere thanks of the Canadian Red Cross Society be gratefully offered and communicated to the authorities of the Toronto General Hospital and to the nurses engaged in the work of sterilizing the Society's hospital supplies since the commencement of the war, and also to Miss Gunn for her valuable assistance given in regard to the preparation of surgical supplies.

It was moved by the Chairman and carried unanimously that the thanks of the Canadian Red Cross Society be and hereby are tendered to the Rector and Corporation of St. James' Cathedral for the free use of premises in St. James' Parish House for the inspection and packing of supplies for sterilization, and to Mrs. A. H. Campbell and the ladies of St. James' Guild of Service for valuable services rendered in connection with this work, and to the Nurses Central Registry of Graduates for their co-operation in the same, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to them.

A letter dated July the 6th from the Ambulance Purchasing Committee of the Canadian Club of New York, having been read informing the Society that a draft for £1,044 had been remitted to the Ford agency in Manchester in payment for the six ambulances presented by the Club to the Canadian Red Cross Society, and that the ambulances were about to be delivered to Colonel Hodgetts, it was moved by the Chairman and carried unanimously that a cordial vote of thanks be tendered by the Society to the Canadian Club of New York for their very generous gift and for their active sympathy and assistance in the work of the Red Cross, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to them.

Cables *re* Convalescent Hospital at St. Lawrence College, Ramsgate, were read and on recommendation of the Chairman, the Executive Committee decided to undertake the equipment of a hospital for 1,000 beds, at an expenditure of \$60,000.

[Anyone wishing to give a bed (\$50) should first consult their Provincial Branch of the Red Cross.—ED.]

On recommendation of the Chairman, the Executive Committee made a grant of £500 to the Maple Leaf Club through Lady Drummond.

The following cable *re* shipments to France was received :

“MARSHALL.—Five thousand cases delivered London docks for French authorities during July. We understand all now in France despite some delay in sailing of French transport. August arrangements now proceeding.—BRYAN.”

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Believe, dear Sir, in my most distinguished and best sentiments and again many thanks.

(Sgd.) VICOMTESSE DE LA PANOUSE.

AUXILIARY HOSPITAL, No. 2, TOURS,
(Indre-et-Loire), 20th June, 1916.

To THE VICOMTESSE DE LA PANOUSE,

President of the Committee of the French Red Cross, London.

MADAM,—Will you transmit our warmest thanks to the Canadian Red Cross Society for the magnificent gift of shirts and linen which they have given to us through you.

Our soldiers have a lively appreciation of the good wishes which accompany these packages in which several names were enclosed and they ask that their thanks be particularly conveyed to the ladies of Quebec and Montreal whose names follow :

Mrs. W. R. Thompson, Kinnears Mills, Quebec.

Mrs. Geo. Hayden, 37 Gordon Avenue, Montreal.

Miss Kathleen Scott, 229 Wilson Ave.

Mrs. C. Willis, Montreal.

Mrs. James Robertson, The Patriotic Society of Coaticook.

Miss Ada J. Gordon, Coaticook, Quebec.

These gifts to our dear wounded soldiers place upon them bonds of gratitude and friendship for the ladies and friends of our nation who fight for us in the cause of right and justice.

Receive, I pray, Madame, the expression of my distinguished and grateful sentiments.

P. DE POURTALES, *General Superintendent.*

TEMPORARY HOSPITAL, No. 21, POITIERS,

21st June, 1916.

The wounded soldiers of Hospital No. 21 join me in order to thank our dear friends the Canadians and to tell them how profoundly touched we are by their great generosity. Thanks to their help we shall be able to alleviate much suffering.

TERSON, *Doctor in Charge.*

HOSPITAL 223, CHATEAU DE LA GRANGE, A YERRES (S. et O.)

From Administratrix Madame Gourgang.

I am extremely touched by the gracious testimony which has just been received from Canada through the amiable co-operation of the London Committee and of Madame la Vicomtesse de la Panouse.

I send you the thanks of our wounded and my own also.

I also enclose one or two photographs which will give some idea of our hospital and of some of our wounded soldiers.

With most sincere sentiments and grateful thanks.

Believe me,
MADAME GOURGANG, *Administratrix.*

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Thanks so much for nice parcel of books received last week. I am sorry I could not thank you before. I did not feel much like writing. I was operated on last week and that simply upset everything for a few days. I am enjoying "Roland Yorke" very much; quite a nice story. I am going to take it with me when I go convalescent. The Munsey Magazine I passed on. Some of the boys enjoyed it fine. I don't suppose it will be long now before Miss —— will be allowed to visit us again. The spotted fever has cleared up fine; at first it looked like getting a good grip at—.

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THANKS FROM PRISONERS OF WAR, NOW INTERNEED IN SWITZERLAND.

Chateau d'Oex, Switzerland, June 2nd, 1916.

DEAR SIR,—It gives me great pleasure in writing a few lines to let you know of our reception we received from everyone on our journey through Suisse. All along the line we were received with open arms by all ; such a time we shall never forget. Every station we stopped we were cheered on arriving and departing, the people seemed as though they could not do enough for us, distributing amongst us cigars, tobacco and pipes, cigarettes, oranges, apples, chocolate, sweets, and eatables of all kinds, and flowers. Their kindness caused many a wounded hero to break down. I myself could not explain the feeling it caused ; it was something betwixt happiness and sorrow, and many a time I had to keep swallowing a lump which would keep rising in my throat, and a mist in front of my eyes. On the journey I met quite a number of Canadian ladies who all had my address, so I shall hear from them in a day or two. I have told the men whom I have met here to write to London and get their parcels stopped. We are all billeted at different hotels, so cannot negotiate them all, not being able to get about very well.

The scenery surrounding us is lovely and the air beautiful and bracing, so shall soon be back in good health again, except for my lame leg, which is about 2 inches short. If there is anything you would like the men of the Canadian contingent to do in any way, please let me know and I will see that every man hears about it.

Hotel Victoria, Chateau d'Oex, Switzerland.

I am very pleased to inform you that I am now interned in Switzerland. I must thank you very much for your parcels, which we could not get along very well in Germany without. If you will allow me to make a suggestion, I should say, "send sugar to the troops there," as prisoners are not allowed to buy it.

I can assure you we have had a very wonderful reception here and are looked after well, so I beg that you will stop my parcels. (They are needed in Germany.) I will write to the people in B.C. who are paying for packets and let them know I am here.

13th Batt. Canadian Inf., Hotel Beau Sejour, Chateau d'Oex,
Switzerland.

I beg to thank you for all your kindness to me whilst I was a prisoner of war in Germany. I received a few parcels of provisions and clothing, but I believe that many parcels must have gone astray. You have done good work and I was one that appreciated it.

Please have my parcels stopped, because I am receiving now, here in Switzerland, the very best of comfort and pleasure. All of us who are interned here cannot tell in words how we received such a wonderful and kind reception. Ever since we passed the German frontier into Switzerland, *kindness* seems to be *everlasting*. It all seems like a dream. Our train was *full* of beautiful flowers and all kinds of presents, which were either handed to us or thrown in through the windows. Flags were flying and we all had small ribbons of silk, flags, etc., and flowers in our hats, and oh ! we were all so excited and relieved to know that we were all out of the hands of such a country of cruelty and poverty as Germany.

They cannot last out very long judging by the food supply of civilians and soldiers. We are all British and always will be.

3rd Batt. Canadians, Pension Bois-Gentil, Ct. Vaud, Switzerland,

31st May, 1916.

GENTLEMEN,—I am pleased to let you know that I have been passed on to Suisse, therefore I shall not require any more parcels. Allow me to thank you for the parcels that I have received.

I wish to say that we exchanged prisoners got a wonderful reception, and wholesale presents from the Suisse, who turned out in thousands all along the line.

Can you supply me with a set of badges, etc., and oblige.

Grand Hotel, Beau Sejour, Chateau d'Oex, Switzerland, June 2nd, 1916.

DEAR FRIENDS,—As I am interned in Switzerland now, do not send any more parcels in my name, the remainder of my parcels you will please send to any other Canadians in Germany.

Chateau d'Oex, Switzerland, June 1st, 1916.

I should like to thank you very much for what you have done for me whilst a prisoner under German rule. It has been terribly harsh, but was relieved by the kindness of your Branch and other friends in dear old England.

You will be pleased to know that we had a great reception on arriving in this country. Royalty never had a better one.

Chateau d'Oex, Switzerland.

DEAR SIRS,—I wish to inform you that now, as I am in Switzerland, I do not require your very nice packets, which I received while I was in Germany. They were certainly a great help to us there, but here the food is first class.

I was getting 5s. a week sent to me whilst I was a prisoner in Germany, and I would like it to be sent to me here instead if possible. Could it be 10s. a week, as it is very hard without a little money to carry one through.

Thanking you for your kindness to me while in Germany, and hoping I will be allowed to receive 10s. weekly as soon as possible.

3rd Batt. Canadians, Machine Gun Section.

Chateau d'Oex, Switzerland.

DEAR SIRS,—I am very much indebted to your Society for the excellent way they have looked after me while a prisoner in Germany. Your kindness I shall never forget.

THANKS FROM PRISONERS IN GERMANY

Our correspondence is limited, but I feel as I must spare one letter to thank you and the I.O.D.E. for the many packets I have received the last six months. A few of us have no friends nearer than Canada, and there seems some difficulty in getting packets from there, so you can see what your packets mean to us. Owing to the strain there must be on your Society at present, I for one would be only too pleased to make you a further allowance if necessary.

The boys all received the packets of tobacco with many thanks.

Yours thankfully,

—————, Giessen.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to dedicate these few lines to you to let you know how thankful I am for the splendid way in which you have assisted me for the past twelve months during my enforced stay in Germany.

I am sure that the work you have undertaken on behalf of Canadian prisoners of war must be very arduous, to say the least of it, and I would consider it very unkind if I could not express my thanks to you and your co-workers at least once in a while.

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I remain, yours sincerely,

_____, Giessen.

Just a few lines to let you know I am not getting parcels from you since Christmas. I have two from Miss C. through the ____; it is very good of her, but the presents from the ____ are very bad. I sent the card about the 10s. a month; you can take the money from the time you started to send the parcels, but I would far rather have the parcels you have been sending. Miss C. means to help me, but the ____ means to help themselves, so kindly take my name from them, as I am depending on that one parcel. I have no friends in England to help me out; if I had I would not mind so much. I never got a coat, but it was not your fault it went astray.

_____, Giessen.

THANKS FROM WOUNDED CANADIANS IN HOSPITALS

I am greatly indebted to you for the fruit and paper, which you sent me. I hardly know how to express my thankfulness toward you, and I thank you over and over again.

Received your parcel yesterday, including shaving outfit and cigarettes. Very many thanks for your great kindness. It makes a man feel happier in a strange place when you know that you have good friends in the Canadian Red Cross, which is doing very good work amongst the boys.

Queen Mary Military Hospital, Whalley, Lancashire, May 24, 1916.

DEAR LADIES,—I hardly know how to thank you, for your kindness and expression of wishes for my welfare. Such messages as these hearten us for further fight in the just cause we are in—Humanity and Empire.

I am not in need of much, you see I am a walking case. I am recovering from wounds on the head, which left me deaf, so that is the reason the doctors sent me to England. If you care to send me anything I should be much obliged, though there are cases far more in need than mine. I thank you again.

COL. CHAS. A. HODGETTS,

Commissioner, Canadian Red Cross Society,

14-16 Cockspur Street, S.W.

DEAR SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the draft of 50,000 francs you sent me on behalf of the Executive of the Canadian Red Cross Society, as a donation towards the funds of the Association "La Protection du Reformé No. 2."

I, as President, and the whole Committee of the Association wish to express to you our deepest gratitude for this handsome donation and for your high appreciation of the gallant efforts and great sacrifices of the French soldiers in the cause of freedom and liberty.

France will never forget the brotherhood established between Canadian and French soldiers on the field of battle, no more than the generous help and comfort given by the Dominion to her unfortunate sick and wounded defenders.

Believe me, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

(Signed) A. MILLERAND.

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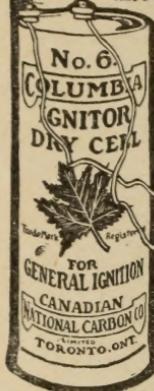
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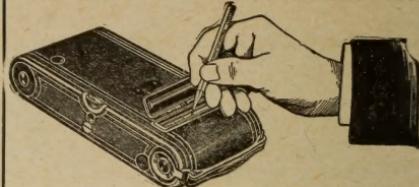
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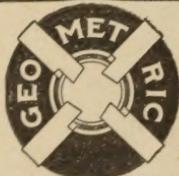
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PARIS, July 17th, 1916.

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed I beg to send you receipt for the sum of 50,000 francs which you were good enough to send to the French Society for the Secours aux Blessés Militaires on behalf of the Canadian Red Cross.

In the letter which accompanied this magnificent gift you were good enough to tell me that same has been offered to us as a homage rendered to the bravery with which the French Army is fighting for liberty.

We are deeply moved by this appreciation, coming as it does from a nation which considers very high the sense of duty and sacrifice.

Whilst the Canadian soldiers are fighting by the side of the French soldiers for the same cause and with an equal bravery, the Canadian Red Cross is assisting both with a devotion and generosity above all praise.

Will you please accept, with the expression of my deep gratitude, that of our feelings of cordial and fraternal sympathy. Yours sincerely,

(Signed) M. DE VOGUE.

HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT, PARIS,

July 15th, 1916.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of cheque for 50,000 francs which you do me the honour of sending in the name of the Canadian Red Cross with instructions to distribute that sum amongst the Benevolent Societies for the Blind.

I could not tell you how grateful I am for such a generous gift to the Canadian Red Cross, which has spread its benevolence to all French Societies that are called upon to succour and help our admirable soldiers, wounded and mutilated.

My friend, M. Hanotaux, explained to me your plan, and I hasten to inform you that it shall be done in accordance with your desire.

I beg, Sir, to remain, your obedient servant,

(Signed) EUG. ETIENNE,

Member of Parliament—Former War Secy,
11 bis Rue St. Dominique, Paris.

TRANSLATION FROM VISITING CARD

The President and members of the Committee of the Union of the Women of France, are deeply moved by your generous gift. The President, Madame Peraux, is absent. As soon as she returns she will hasten to express to you her deep gratitude.

Believe me, your obedient servant,

PARIS, July 10, 1916.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

J. DE RIEUX.

PARIS, July 13th, 1916.

COLONEL,—I hasten to acknowledge receipt of your letter, and to thank you very cordially for the enclosed cheque for 50,000 francs, of which 25,000 francs will have to be transferred to the Hospital de l'Avenue d'Iena, for which I enclose here-with the receipt.

Personally I cannot tell you enough how grateful I am to the Canadian Red Cross for this generous gift which will alleviate the sufferings of our dear soldiers.

With my thanks I join the expression of the gratitude of our Board of Directors and remain, Colonel, yours very sincerely,

(Signed) MARG. E. GARNOT, President.

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July 3rd, 1916.

DEAR CAPTAIN BLAYLOCK,—I beg to acknowledge and thank you for cheque for £50 (Fr. 1407, 50) being subscription of the Canadian Red Cross towards our orchestra funds.

Please accept our sincerest thanks for same and kindly convey to the administration of the Canadian Red Cross our keen appreciation of their interest in the welfare of the members of this unit. Yours very truly,

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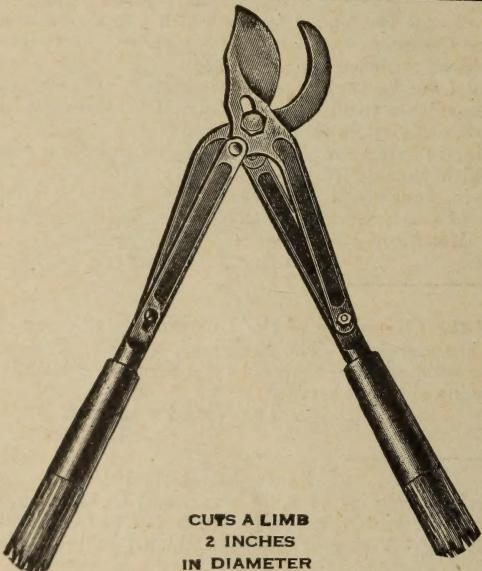
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